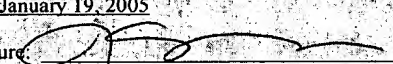
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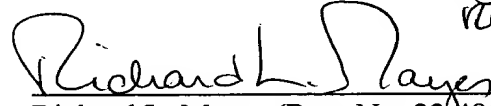
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In addition, Applicants are filing herewith an Amendment in the present application for consideration by the Patent Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee, which is believed to be **\$500.00**, to the deposit account number **11-0600** of **Kenyon & Kenyon**. The Commissioner is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees, including any additional Rule 136(a) extension fees, or credit any excess fees to deposit account number **11-0600** of **Kenyon & Kenyon**. Two duplicate copies of this paper are enclosed for those purposes.

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